

ELLANTE VITTORIA DEI SOLDATI ITALIANI

La Balonette Italiana Slog-giano gli Austriaci da Monte Valbella

2600 PRIGIONIERI

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ROMA, 31 gennaio. Enormi perdite sono state inflitte alle truppe austro-tedesche nelle giornate di lunedì e martedì durante l'offensiva condotta dagli italiani sulle linee tra l'altipiano di Asiago e la Valle del Brenta. Un dispaccio giunto oggi dalla fronte di battaglia annunzia che i prigionieri sono aumentati a circa 3000 e che le perdite teutoniche si calcola siano dal 20,000 ai 25,000 uomini. Le difese di Monte Val Bella e nel settore di Col del Rosso e Col Dechele, sono state già organizzate e si mantengono salde nonostante i determinati e violenti contrattacchi lanciati dalle forze austro-tedesche, nel tentativo di riconquistare le perdute posizioni.

ROMA, 31 gennaio. Un'altra brillante vittoria è stata conseguita dalle valorose truppe italiane, le quali con completo successo hanno attaccato in vari punti le linee austro-tedesche sull'altipiano di Asiago. Tale annunzio è stato dato, ieri, da un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma.

Più di 2600 prigionieri sono caduti nelle mani degli italiani ed un ingente bottino di guerra è stato da questi fatto sulle posizioni riconquistate. Nel cannone di grosso calibro furono catturati dagli italiani unitamente ad un centinaio di mitragliatrici, mortari da trincea e migliaia di fucili che il nemico abbandonò di fronte all'irresistibile attacco dei soldati del generale Diaz.

Le posizioni di Col del Rosso furono occupate dagli italiani durante la giornata di lunedì e questo successo fu seguito da quello conseguito ieri l'altro quando gli italiani catturarono le posizioni nemiche di Monte Val Bella.

Dopo la sconfitta subita gli austriaci concentrarono il fuoco delle loro batterie sulle linee perdute, ma gli italiani rimasero saldi sulle conquistate posizioni e la loro artiglieria efficacemente rispose all'avversaria.

Il bombardamento delle batterie italiane, cooperato da quelle inglesi a fianco, fu estremamente violento e fu accentrato in parecchi punti dietro le linee nemiche, per impedire l'arrivo dei rinforzi e tagliare la ritirata dell'avversario.

Le perdite sofferte dagli austriaci sono immensamente ingenti. Si calcola che due loro divisioni sono state completamente annichite.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, in base al rapporto del Quartier Generale Italiano:

Le nostre valorose truppe nella zona dell'altipiano hanno coronato, con pieno successo, l'azione della nostra artiglieria cominciata domenica ad oriente dell'altipiano di Asiago, per strappare al nemico le sue posizioni che occupava fino ad occidente della Valle Frenzela.

Col del Rosso e Col Dechele, che sono sul pendio vicino il ciglione occidentale della valle, furono presi lunedì e da allora mantenuti valorosamente. Il nemico esercitò in sua maggiore pressione nella regione di Sasso Rosso ed i suoi numerosi contrattacchi furono respinti alla balonetta, permettendo così che il successo delle nostre armi si compisse

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ieri con la cattura di Monte Val Bella.

I corrispondenti di guerra, presso il quartier generale italiano, riferendosi alle vittoriose operazioni compiute dalle truppe italiane, scrivono che un poderoso colpo è stato assestato al nemico nella regione delle montagne, ad occidente del fiume Brenta, ove le forze austro-tedesche compivano inauditi sforzi per poter avanzare lungo la valle Frenzela vicino Bassano, e raggiungere così la pianura veneta.

Gli italiani, narrano i corrispondenti di guerra, avanzarono con intralibbe slancio e spazzarono il nemico dalle posizioni che occupava dal Brenta ad Asiago, catturando un considerevole numero di prigionieri ed una quantità immensa di materiale da guerra.

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Il Gran Ballo Della "Stella D'Italia"

Il tanto atteso ballo della benemerita Associazione Femminile "Stella d'Italia" avrà luogo domani sera venerdì alla Musical Fund Hall, Locust street presso l'Ottava strada.

In una recente seduta del comitato organizzatore fu deliberato che il totale ricavato sarà spedito a Sua Maestà la Regina Elena d'Italia, perché ne disponga a sollievo dei sofferenti della guerra. A tale proposito un comitato composto di tre signore, facenti parte dell'Associazione, si recherà, a suo tempo, in Washington per consegnare l'ami montare al Regio Ambasciatore Italiano, Conte Macchi di Cellere, perché lo faccia pervenire alla graziosa Sovrana.

Il ballo sarà preceduto da un concerto che comprende il seguente programma: 1. Miss Mary D'Annunzio and Pupils Maria Giudice, Clara Cadorna ed Emilio Sabatini, piano solos, duets and songs; 2. Johnny Mack, Hebrew comedian; 3. Vincent J. Lenoze, violin soloist; 4. Franklin Duo, songs and chatter; 5. Medley Quartet; 6. Sig. Ferruccio Giannini, operatic selection; 7. Minstrel show by Mideley Country Club.

Il comitato del ballo è così composto: Mrs. Katie M. Laury, presidentessa; Mrs. Vittoria Falsetta, vice presidentessa; Mrs. Carmelina Malatesta, tesoriere; Miss Teresa Botto, segretaria; Miss Maria Costa, vice segretaria; Mrs. Florence Lagomarsino, Mrs. Rosa Rosatto, Mrs. Maria Faggio, Mrs. Luois Lombardi, Mrs. Giulia Calderoni, Mrs. Elisabetta Malatesta, Mrs. Teresa Lettora, Mrs. Madeline Lettora, Mrs. Rosa Kinmel, Mrs. Madeline Sammartino, Mrs. Marie Rezzore, Mrs. Italia Sordi, Mrs. Rosa Dei Piani, Miss Nettie Piccerello e Miss Elba Cardenti.

Negro Coal Picker Is Killed LANCASTER, Jan. 31.—Unaware of the approach of a locomotive for the coupling of a series of coal cars, under which he was gathering coal, William Jackson, negro, an employe of the J. E. Baker Company quarry at Billmeyer, was crushed to death beneath the wheels of one of the cars at the quarries.

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Austrians Lose 20,000 in Battle

Continued from Page One a terrific charge and hand-to-hand fight with the bayonet.

This is the third bulwark of the Austrian line carried by the Italians since the start of the astonishing drive last Sunday. The other two strongholds were Col del Rosso and Col Dechele.

The Teuton losses have been very heavy. The number of prisoners reported yesterday at 1500 has risen to 2600. Two Austro-German divisions are reported as virtually annihilated, and the Italians announce the capture of six cannon and 100 machine guns.

Both the Berlin and Vienna War Offices admit the loss of Monte di Val Bella and Col del Rosso as the result of what they respectively term "severe" and "stubborn" fighting. The German statement adds that Italian attacks in the region of Monte Sisemol collapsed with heavy casualties.

are pouring behind the Italian front in a steady stream.

The aerial activity has been especially lively during the fighting, the Italians bringing down ten machines and the French two.

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NAVY NEEDS 160,000 RESERVISTS BY JULY

Men Required to Man 1000 Vessels From War Department

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. The Navy Department will need at least 160,000 naval reservists by July 1 next. This was announced today by naval officers, and a drive to recruit them was started.

The men will be required to man vessels turned over by the War Department to the navy overseas transportation service, of which Commander Charles Bellnap is the presiding genius.

For the first time today it was revealed that the vessels to be turned over by the army will number 1000, with a total tonnage of 3,000,000 tons.

It is said by officials of the navy that there still is a lack of co-ordination between the Navy Department and the shipping board, to the extent that the latter does not turn over to the navy the vessels directly, so that the Navy Department, therefore, is unable to plan its reserve forces in advance.

These officials declare that if the shipping board would inform them in advance that a certain number of ships would be turned over on a certain date, they could then recruit the crews and have the men and officers in training, so that when the ships were commissioned there would not only be a crew in numbers, but one thoroughly trained as well, ready to take the vessel to sea.

Separate Peace as a Last Resort

Continued from Page One against United States Ambassador Francis at Petrograd.

Francis, whose experience at Petrograd have been equalled only by the siege about the Pekin legation during the Chinese Boxer rebellion, is calm and determined under the stress of his dangerous position, official cables show.

What will the Bolsheviks do?—is the question on every hand now. There is reason to believe this Government.

formally or informally, has already moved to find out. The circumstances of the Lenin-Trotsky regime is placed in a delicate situation. Torn by many and varied conflicting elements in its efforts to establish a government in Russia the Bolshevik leaders find themselves now in a position where they must apparently take sides with the American Government against the anarchists if proper protection is afforded Francis. Whether or not the Bolshevik will promise this protection official dispatches do not yet show. The State Department is waiting with concern to hear further from Francis and is prepared to put into effect any recommendations he may make to meet the situation.

Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman for whose liberty the anarchists will hold Francis virtual hostage, are to be jailed. When this news reaches the sailors and workmen responsible for the threat against the American ambassador the crisis is expected to come immediately.

Francis is prepared for armed resistance. Frequent demonstrations against the embassy in Petrograd, growing out of misunderstanding of America's activity toward the J. W. W. and German propaganda, taking advantage of the

Mooney trial in San Francisco, have warned him before now to prepare for later and perhaps greater dangers. His position in the past has shown his fearlessness in critical circumstances and the confidence the Government has in his ability to cope with any situation which may arise is shown in the fact that today he has broader authority to act officially than any other American diplomat.

He alone has been confronted with the great task of effecting the similar influence of German propaganda, spread throughout Russia by hundreds of German agents, trying to sow the seed of rebellion against the United States.

Today every effort is being made through the broken and interrupted news channels to learn what may be the extent of his danger under the new threat of anarchist workmen and sailors, demanding release in the United States of fellow-members of their organization.

Pier 56, North Wharves, Sold Pier 56, North Wharves, Beach street and Columbia avenue, has been acquired by Michael J. Hunt from the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, representing the estate of Charles Lenning, for \$125,000.

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